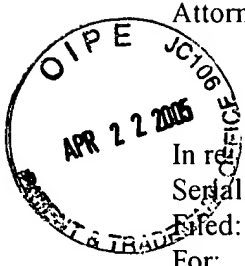


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Sir:

It is noted that certain errors appear in the Letters Patent identified above as follows:

In the Claims:

Column 14, line 18 should read -- observable at a primary output, generating a --

Column 20, line 27 should read --comprises a portion of a path between at least one of the --

The above errors are mistakes on the part of the Patent Office but do not appear to merit a Certificate of Correction. It is respectfully requested, however, that this letter be placed on record in the file of this patent so that no question may arise as to the true meaning of the particular terms mentioned above as they appear in the patent.

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